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OLD PERSONAL IDENTITY CARDS INVALID IN THE GDR AS OF 1 APRIL 1954

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The HV (Main Administration) of the GDR People's Police has announced that the exchange of the old German personal identity cards of the GDR was approaching completion. All GDR citizens over 14 years of age as of 31 March 1954 and not yet in possession of the new GDR identity cards have been directed to apply, without delay, to the offices of the People's Police for their cards. In accordance with the GDR government's Decree of 29 October 1953 on the Exchange of German Personal Identity Cards for Personal Identity Cards of the GDR, the old German identity cards will be invalid as of 31 March 1954. As of 1 April 1954, anyone in the GDR found without a valid identity card (personal identity card of the GDR or equivalent identification) will be liable to punishment.

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